

REMARKS

A new title has been provided that is clearly indicative of the invention.

Claim 2 has been canceled by this amendment, and thus there are claims 1, and 3-12 pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claim 1, 3, 7 and 8 have been amended to enclose reference characters within parentheses.

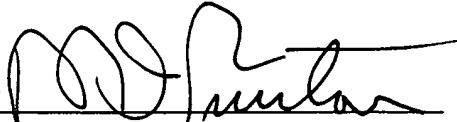
Claim 6 has been amended to reinstate the wording included prior to the Second Preliminary Amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if re-written in independent form and including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated in claim 1, and it is thus submitted that claim 1 as amended is allowable. A corresponding limitation has been included in independent method claim, claim 8 and it is submitted that this claim also is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. The remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent on allowable claims and thus for this reason at least are also allowable.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. In view of the foregoing, allowance of all the claims presently in the application is respectfully requested, as is passage to issuance of the application. If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at **973 386 3147**.

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